

lively private sector plays in a nation's success.

During Mr. Oduber's terms in office, a long list of government owned companies were either fully or partially privatized. Among them were water production facilities and power plants, the public transportation company, the seaport and the airport, the national telecommunications company and the postal services. Many of these former government agencies today are 100 per cent privately owned. The government has demonstrated that its belief in a free market with a plethora of empowered stakeholders is much more than lip service.

The companies on their part showed that they were well able to get the capital from the financial markets without help from the government. Today, not one of these companies' employees is on the taxpayer funded government payroll. In addition, the companies can quickly and proactively respond to market forces without any government interference.

While it sometimes seems easier to criticize countries that are doing things wrong, I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to pay tribute to a small nation, a stable ally of the United States, that has put into practice the principles we believe are essential in creating a better, freer, more prosperous and more secure world.

#### HONORING LOUISVILLE STUNNERS GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

#### HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Louisville Stunners 16 and under girls fastpitch softball team for their remarkable season and recent participation in the USSSA World Series in Columbus, Indiana. The Stunners were the only team to represent the State of Kentucky at the championship tournament, finishing with an impressive 4th place standing among 54 participating teams. They also brought home the distinguished sportsmanship award, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

The hours of extra practice under the leadership of Head Coach Kevin Johnson and Assistant Coach Keith Roller brought this impressive distinction to the State of Kentucky and City of Louisville. I want my colleagues in the House of Representatives to know of the pride that I have in representing these athletes and their families: Whitney Atcher, Alicia Ewen, Jennifer Young, Jodi Pence, Jennifer Kisselbaugh, Tiffany Dean, Kasey Graham,

Krystle Johnson, Holly Goemmer, Jessica McGohon, and Courtney Roller.

I would like to commend the Stunners for their magnificent season—an effort that epitomized team work, sportsmanship, and persistence. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these young athletes for their achievement and wish them continued success in seasons to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE OSBURN JACKSON

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has unselfishly served the women and girls of the Greater Charleston YWCA and all citizens of the Charleston, South Carolina area for most of her career. Ms. Christine Osburn Jackson is retiring after 36 years as the Executive Director of YWCA of Greater Charleston, and a lifetime of service to her community and fellow human beings.

My friend, Christine, has parlayed her position into a platform to promote racial justice and help shape public policy. This was a natural role stemming from her leadership of the organization during the turbulent 1960s when Charleston's YWCA sought to remain segregated. Her tenacity led the all-black branch of the organization to be designated the YWCA's national affiliate in Charleston, and carry on its mission of equality and empowerment.

Her leadership was sought during the pre-eminent civil rights struggles of the time. She was one of only three women to share the stage with Martin Luther King, Jr. during his only visit to Charleston with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She also hosted meetings at the YWCA for black hospital workers during the infamous 1969 Charleston Hospital Strike.

It was Christine Jackson's strength and steadfastness during these difficult times that built the foundation for the YWCA's continuing success. Under her leadership, this organization has actively registered voters, taught parenting to teenage mothers, provided after school programs for local students, and honored women in industry for their contributions with the Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) awards. She has carried on the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. by organizing community events throughout the month of January to inspire others to promote social justice.

Many organizations have sought out her extraordinary talents. She holds membership on many governing boards including the Interfaith Crisis Ministry, the League of Women Voters, and the Foster Care Review Board. Ms. Jackson has also been the recipient of numerous awards including those bestowed by five different national sororities and fraternities, the Trident United Way, the Committee on Better Racial Assurance, and the Charleston County Baptist Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in applauding Christine Osburn Jackson's lifetime of achievements. Although her daily presence at the Greater Charleston YWCA will be missed, I know her guiding hand will still be felt throughout the community.

#### MARKING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

#### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day, celebrated on October 10th.

Despite the lack of formal diplomatic relations between the United States and Taiwan for the last 25 years, Taiwan has been one of our most important and loyal allies in the World. Today, Taiwan and the United States are friends and partners, not merely allies, and our relationship has continued to flourish in terms of economics, politics, security, culture, education, science and technology.

Moreover, we share with the people of Taiwan many core values, particularly the values of democracy, freedom and human rights. In recent years, Taiwan has proven to be a consistent champion of human rights, environmental responsibility, and democracy. These democratic and humanitarian values bind our two great Nations together more powerfully than any treaty or international agreement ever could.

I have been to Taiwan on several occasions and Taiwan's accomplishments are numerous, and its successes are directly attributed to its people whose goodwill and generosity have always been most apparent. On the anniversary of their National Day, I wish for my friends the good people of Taiwan a long future of continued prosperity, peace, and freedom, a future which they so deeply deserve.